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# IS DEWEY CHAMPION LIAR?

## Tobin Pledges Teamster Vote To President

Introduces Roosevelt At Union Banquet In Washington Hotel

In introducing President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the national meeting of Teamsters in Washington, D. C., last month, in which the President opened his campaign for re-election, General President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, told why he was for Roosevelt and why every other citizen should be for Roosevelt, particularly those who want to work for a livelihood.

President Tobin's speech was brief but eloquent. He said:

It seems as though an unseen power has always given us able leaders capable of dealing with problems that for a time seemed possible of destroying all the advancements brought about over the centuries by men who have given their all so that justice, freedom and liberty might prevail. There has never been leadership in the last five centuries that has had the problems and the dangers facing civilization such as the world is now confronted with. When the history of this great world struggle is written by unprejudiced men, when the facts are laid bare by those who are not blinded by ambition or the craving for more wealth—then, and not until then, will this leadership be clearly understood and the dangerous problems which in recent years, and now, confront the world, be made known and fully realized.

Tonight we have with us one of those great world leaders whom

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## EDITOR SPIKES "ROW" AS POLITICAL FRAUD BY REPUBLICAN PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS—Investigation by Newton M. Goudy, editor of *The Hoosier Sentinel*, published here, discloses that the story recently given front-page prominence by Republican newspapers concerning a "row" between a couple of union teamsters and two Naval officers following a dinner to President Roosevelt in Washington was "pure political propaganda."

Ordinarily the story, if true, would have been given two or three inches in a local Washington newspaper at most, and not even carried for that space on the news wires, the editor said. The fact that it appeared a week late in newspapers which scrupulously observe news interest and are not given to publish news a week late is significant.



The Indiana Teamster goes all-out for the election November 7 of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a fourth term and of Governor Henry F. Schricker as United States Senator from Indiana. We base our choice upon the record in public office of each man, and defy the political opponent of each to match that record, even with promises which anyone can believe.

## If So, He Gets All-America Prize for Year's Biggest F "Roosevelt and Communism"

This Prize Is the Sewell Avery Purple Heart, Given by Montgomery Ward for "Scare With Sidney" Campaign Against Labor

By SCOTT ARMSTRONG

American big business and its promotion department, the Republican Party, is trying to get the government away from the people by resorting to a political expedient, of creating fear—fear of Sidney Hillman, PAC and CIO.

"If we fail to elect Thomas E. Dewey President of the United States," we are told, Hillman will rise like the beast in Revelation and ruin this country.

One of Mr. Dewey's chief arguments in trying to convince America that he has enough on the ball to be President is that he opposes Sidney Hillman. He didn't oppose Hillman when Hillman contributed \$15,000 to his campaign for District Attorney, nor has Mr. Dewey as Governor of New York done anything to expunge this "beast" from the state.

Yet now Mr. Dewey and his Republican press and radio are trying to scare people into believing that Hillman and Communism provide some reason why Thomas E. Dewey in particular would make a good President of the United States. We don't get it. It is a fear campaign, and the Republicans are puking it these days over every page and radio broadcast. Here in Indiana Homer Capehart has joined the band. He is going to defend Indiana from Hillman, Communism and the CIO. And the Republican wrongcongs—Halleck, Harness, Grant, Springer, Johnson—they're going to help save Indiana. Nuts!

Truth is, the only time this country has ever been menaced with Communism—to date—was during the apple days of Hoover, when 40,000,000 American people were half-starving to death.

Hoover was shooting at soldiers of the last war when they

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## But Even Dewey Couldn't Use Forest Harness in Congress

By RUSSELL T. HOUZE

KOKOMO—When Thomas E. Dewey disavowed all political association with Congressman Hamilton Fish, he inferentially ordered a school of little fish to cease flopping about on his coat tails, as being unworthy of any part in American government. Among these little fishes whom the Presidential candidate wants no part of is Forest Harness.

Harness has befouled the name of Indiana in Washington three times and is seeking a fourth term. Only those Republicans in the Fifth Congressional District who would vote for anyone so long as he was anti-Roosevelt—even for Jack-the-Ripper—are supporting Harness.

To hear the others tell it, Kokomo's man from home ought to be running for a fourth term at the whipping post.

Presidential Candidate Dewey is running on a platform of human decency to mankind—a platform entirely too good to be true of a Hoover satellite, and even his best

friends don't believe a word of the promises Dewey makes. And the polls relegate him to second place in the running.

However, if the miracle should happen, if Dewey should be elected, if he should turn traitor to

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## TOBIN WELCOMES CIO VOTES IN CAMPAIGN

Calling upon local Teamster unions with 600,000 members to cooperate with all groups, including PAC and CIO to re-elect Roosevelt, Daniel J. Tobin, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, says in the October issue of the *International Teamster*:

"I will cooperate with the Political Action Committee, the CIO and every other group of citizens interested in the re-election of President Roosevelt.

"My interest in this campaign is to protect the welfare of the common citizen by keeping in the White House the man who

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# ROOSEVELT-SCHRICKER

# IS DEWEY CHAMPION ALL-AMERICAN LIAR?

## If So, How About the Little Deweys—Capehart, etc. Crying "CIO WOLF" from a Coattail?

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begged for a little—just a little—bread for their children. Industrialists were leaping out of hotel windows and some of our wealthiest fellow citizens, including J. P. Morgan, were shipping their treasures to Scotland for safekeeping.

Those were the days when America might have gone Communistic. Roosevelt is the man who prevented this country from going Communistic, not these Republicans.

If Tom Dewey and the band of Tories who are swinging on his coat tail shouting at Sidney Hillman really want to save this country from Communism, the thing for them to do is to let the New Deal run this country, or else arrange to give the people something better than the New Deal. We'd be tickled to death to vote for something better than the New Deal. But we won't vote for every Tom with a mustache who merely says he's better.

The time has passed when America will stand for too many broken promises. Hoover was going to provide two chickens for every pot, and he couldn't even produce the pot. Dewey is going to have free hospitalization, more social security and lower taxes, yet he cannot think of one word in explanation of how he will do it all.

No one believes Dewey. The surest sign that his Republican backers believe him to be a common liar is that they are still backing him. If anyone of the industrialists who are running the Republican Party had the slightest suspicion that Dewey means to keep his campaign promises, the Republicans would drop Dewey even at this late date. They would crucify Dewey even as they crucified Wendell Willkie when he pleaded with them to be good sports and pay their taxes.

There is a fear campaign spreading over this country, and that is the fear in the hearts of thinking people that Dewey and enough other Republicans, such as Homer Capehart and our Tory Congressmen, will get elected in November to gum up the peace. America has not yet forgotten Harding, James E. Watson and the traitorous Democrats who viciously laid the foundation for World War II. Thinking Americans, and the polls show there are plenty of them, are really shivering with horror at the thought of turning over the next crucial years to this band of office boys which big business has nominated to be our statesmen. This war will end. But how? Who's going to settle it this time? Tom Dewey, who can't tell the truth long enough to make one speech? Tom Dewey, who promises full employment and lower taxes, but when asked for a simple explanation of how he can produce these wonderful improvements answers the question by yelling about Sidney Hillman.

That sort of evasion has caused Senator Barkley to call Dewey a puffedogger. Webster says that a puffedogger is a shyster lawyer. We hadn't thought of the Governor of the State of New York in such terms. Our personal opinion of him is that he might be champion all-American liar.

Our personal opinion of him is that he might be, and probably is, the champion all-American liar.

## Yep! Bureaucrats

During the last three years the American people have saved 75 billion dollars, according to the Harvard economist, Sumner H. Slichter, as quoted in *Time* magazine.

*Time* rather reluctantly admits that this is a phenomenal record, but says nothing to explain how it happened during a period of great economic wartime strain.

We can tell you how it happened. The OPA did it. Yep! It was those "New Deal bureaucrats" in the Office of Price Administration.

They kept prices down and they rationed scarce goods so that every family could get what it needed at a price it could afford to pay. And so the American people laid by the tremendous sum of 75 billion dollars in savings.

This 75 billion, much of it invested in War Bonds which will pay off a few extra billions in interest, is an insurance against a disastrous depression after the war, according to Slichter. This money will begin to flow into the channels of trade when war production ceases. It will keep men at work producing all the things that 75 billion dollars will buy.

Ordinarily in times like these when goods are scarce, the prices soar. People compete with each other to buy the things they need. That produces inflation and the value of money goes down. Eventually, money becomes worthless.

This danger was foreseen by the New Deal. It created the Office of Price Administration to ration gasoline, shoes, meat and other scarce articles.

That spread them around so that everybody got some. And the OPA pegged the prices to keep the public from being robbed by the corporations which produced the scarce articles.

As a consequence, the American people have 75 billion dollars in their pockets to spend in buying homes, automobiles, refrigerators, etc., when the war is over.

If the reactionaries in Congress had been able to kill the OPA, as they have continuously tried to do, the people would

## Teamsters Fly to Washington



Leaders of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters here flew from Weir Cook Municipal Airport to Washington to hear President Roosevelt open his campaign for re-election at a banquet given by Daniel J. Tobin. They and other representatives of 600,000 union teamsters also attended a conference called by President Tobin to consider the serious emergency in which thousands of trucks are standing idle for want of tires and other parts. Front row, left to right: Johnnie Baker, D. E. Mahoney, Munle, and C. E. Davis. Rear row: Fred Marshall, Frank Friel, Harry Hudson, Russell Houze and Ernest Chickmore. Other Teamster leaders from Indiana who attended the Washington banquet and meeting included Robert Summers, Michigan City; George Skerce, Terre Haute; E. J. Williams, Indianapolis; Pat Hess, Fort Wayne; O. B. Chambers, Kokomo; Mike Sawochka, Gary; William Sullivan, Hammond; Steve Toth, East Chicago, and Otto Morehouse, George Campbell and Walter Biggs, all of South Bend.

not have that 75 billion. They would have spent it all for food and clothes and rent.

And at the end of the war they would be flat broke while the corporations and real estate sharks would have that 75 billion. That's what the fight was all about.

We won it, thanks to the OPA. No wonder the reactionaries are sore. No wonder they want to throw the "bureaucrats" into the river. But when they tell us the New Deal is extravagant and is costing us too much money, we can laugh at them.

We have the 75 billion dollars! —International Teamster.

### "The Beefer"

There's one in every local;  
You know the type we mean,  
The guy that's always beefing,  
But at meetings never seen.

He's always causing trouble,  
And has a lot to say;  
But he's never at a meeting;  
From those he stays away.

He always pans the Union,  
It never does what's right;  
But when we hold a meeting  
This bird is not in sight.

He's always spreading rumors;  
With him we must contend.  
But when we hold a meeting,  
We think he should attend.

We grant him all his talking,  
It's only just and fair;  
But the place is at a meeting  
So we urge him to be there.

—A SHOP STEWARD.

## Agreement Signed With Omar Concern

The Omar Bakeries, Inc., of 901 East 16th St., Indianapolis, has signed a contract with Teamsters' Union Local No. 188, giving 85 sales drivers increased commissions, retroactive to September 29, and other concessions demanded by C. E. Davis, union president.

By terms of the contract the drivers receive one week's vacation with pay after a year's service, two weeks' vacation after service of three years. Question of wages and hours were left to the decision of an arbitrator, Blaine C. Smith, Sr., subject to approval of the War Labor Board.

## GOSSIP-ON-A-SPREE!! FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

The next regular meeting of Local 193 will be held Friday, November 10, at 8 p. m., in the Union Hall, 28 West North St.

We just received word that Ernie Sloan, former driver for Aero Mayflower, and Hogan Transfer Company, is Jap hunting in the Pacific. We here at 193 know that he will bag the limit.

Had a letter from George Acton, former Business Agent of Local 135. George was agent for the Furniture Drivers and Helpers. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and is a corporal in the dispatching office. George writes that he would like to hear from his old friends. His address is T/Cpl. George A. Acton, Hdqrs. Co. ASFTC No. 688, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, U. S. Army No. 35247199.

The contract committee representing the Aero Mayflower Drivers was called in last week and went over the probable changes to be made in their contract. A substitution was necessary due to one committeeman resigning from the company. Chester Neal replaced James White temporarily until a new committee is voted in by the drivers.

A hearing officer has been appointed on the Mayflower Garage contract. Both the company and the union have exchanged briefs, but no definite time has been set for the meeting.

We are still trying to get the Columbia Terminals case covering the Sears, Roebuck & Co. drivers and helpers back from the appeal board.

Kenneth Sullivan, former member, was in the office last week while home on furlough from the Pacific. He is in the Seabees and has been in the South Pacific 27 months.

Shop Stewards' meeting will be held Friday, November 3, at 8 p. m., in the Union Hall, 28 West North St. It is imperative that all stewards attend these meetings, as many problems are discussed and settled in these meetings.

REMEMBER, TEAMSTERS!  
KEEP WRITING, KEEP BUYING  
AND KEEP GIVING THAT  
BLOOD THAT KEEPS THEM  
FIGHTING, FLYING AND LIV-  
ING.

## TRUCKERS ELECT KIRK

William F. Kirk, Jr., of Indianapolis, vice-president and general manager of the Columbia Terminals Company, Inc., yesterday was elected 1945 president of the Indiana Motor Truck Association at the organization's state convention in the Claypool Hotel.

Mr. Kirk, who has served as first vice-president of the association this year, succeeds Ernest S. Wheaton of Indianapolis, vice-president and general manager of the Aero-Mayflower Transit Company.



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# TEAMSTERS FETE UNION HEADS IN FT. WAYNE

## EAST CHICAGO LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

The delegates of Local Union No. 520 wish to thank the officers and members of the Fort Wayne local, for that real Hoosier hospitality shown us during our stay in Fort Wayne. You are a grand bunch of men!

Joe Farley of the dump truck drivers made a bad move when he teamed up with me. He wound up under the table three times in one day, so I went to the dance, sissy.

I also want to thank all the Teamster delegates, in appreciation for the fine manner and genuine friendship shown me while at the convention. Thanks a million!

Paul Revere was not the only man that got up at midnight to take a ride. One of Local 520 men got up at midnight, but from what I hear he missed the ride. Better luck next year.

We have received an okay from the War Labor Board on our beer contract, giving the boys a \$5.00 per week increase.

"Bowlers wanted." Any members wishing to bowl with Local 520 should get in touch with George Adams. George is looking for men to bowl on the team he has entered in the Building Traders League.

Joe Burba of Justak's is going to the local Coast Guard School. I HOPE THEY TEACH HIM HOW TO FISH HE CAN ROW A BOAT. We have quite a few of our boys taking this training. Good stuff, uniforms and clothing furnished free.

As a fisherman, Mike Joseph is a good publicity man. Have to give him credit for this. He is a good cook. I wonder what the women folks use for dish water hands. My hands look terrible.

We have all the employees of the State Highway Department in Lake and Porter Counties signed up. We will be calling on the Governor and State Highway Department soon.

All our road jobs are about all washed out.

It is good to be hale and hardy in the fall of the year and to be able to enjoy a trip through the woods, to look at the different colored leaves blended together to form nature's greatest picture. It is also grand to be able to help your neighbor who happens to be down and out enjoy life. You, I and all of us can help by donating to the Community Chest.

## Eisenhower Praises Home Front Labor

One of the most extraordinary tributes ever paid to American labor was broadcast recently to America by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme allied commander in Europe.

As the "Battle of France" reached its climax and the invasion of Nazi Germany started, Eisenhower took time out for a radio broadcast to the workers of this country in which he glowingly extolled the job they had done to accelerate victory over Hitler's armies.

"From this battlefield," he said, "American fighting troops send their grateful thanks to the workers of America for having made this the best equipped fighting force in all history."

In this expression of our gratitude we are joined by our gallant allies. The British units include in their category of weapons many of which you have produced. The French divisions are equipped ex-



## ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH WITH LOCAL 417

By CHARLES MILLER

Here's to the fellows from the Garden Spot of the world (Evansville, Ind.), who have accused Local No. 417 of not having a place in which the delegates of Joint Council No. 16 may meet.

Since then Local No. 417 has been very successful in having the mayor to extend his hospitality and let us hold our Council meeting in his private office. Just wanted to let people know that we do have meeting places in Vincennes, especially Mr. Birdsong from Evansville.

Finally succeeded in organizing the drivers employed by The Vincennes Sand & Gravel Co. We have been trying this for about one year.

Have nine members working on the C. J. Moritz Co. road job, at Lawrenceville, Ill.

Really have some good union men from Kokomo and Ft. Wayne, working on highway No. 58. Thanks to Pat Hess and O. B. Chambers.

We are still keeping our fingers crossed until we hear from our ice drivers contract which is pending before the WLB.

After waiting eight months we have finally succeeded in getting our Bringwald case approved by the WLB.

Have now expired our city freight contract for wage increases and extra vacations.

Thanks to Pat Hess for hospitalities extended to the delegates of the convention and especially taking care of parking situations.

clusively with the products of your toll and skill.

Each of you justly shares in the credit for the tremendous successes the United Nations have gained on this important front."

## UNFAIR

The York Transfer & Storage Co. Is Still Unfair to Teamsters' Local Union No. 193

DO NOT PATRONIZE



Teamster delegates and several American Federation of Labor officials attending the recent convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor in Fort Wayne were entertained at a banquet in the Anthony Hotel, as shown. Lower picture shows speakers called upon by ye host and toastmaster, Pat Hess, of the Fort Wayne Teamsters local and Drivers Council president. Bottom row (left to right)—D. E. Mahoney, Teamsters Local 369, Muncie; O. B. Chambers, Teamsters Local 759, Kokomo; Mr. Hess; M. J. Angel, Teamsters Local 215, Evansville and Tom Taylor of Terre Haute, representing the A. F. of L. Top row—Steven Toth, Teamsters Local 520, East Chicago; Carl Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor; John Acker, Secretary, I. S. F. of L.; Hugh J. Gormley, of the A. F. of L. in Indiana, and Fred Shutta, Lake County Joint Council No. 11 of the Teamsters Union.

## LAFAYETTE NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

Negotiation with Kessener Lumber Co. and A. E. Kemmer is progressing slowly. The bosses seem unable to agree on the meeting time.

The Middle West Road Co. of Noblesville has the contract to resurface State Road No. 24. They are working between showers. They do not get along with the union too well.

Private Rabanus, an ex-business agent of Local No. 543, was home on furlough again last week.

Our membership turned out in fine style for the Scrap Paper Collection here on Sunday, October 8. We wish to thank these boys for their loyalty and patriotism. A Teamster always comes through when needed.

No doubt each of our members is registered and will not fail to cast his vote at the polls November 7.

The arbitrator rendered his decision on our Hicks Body contract at Lebanon, as of October 4. Same is before the WLB at this time.

VOTE EARLY

November 7

VOTE RIGHT



By Al Lindahl

Sept. 7—You should see Fred Rock after taking that nose dive in the cinder pile.

Sept. 8—Bobbie Singleton held a raffle at the picnic but no one would pay the price—except?

Sept. 9—Mike Granat is looking his old self. Vacation must have done you some good!

Sept. 10—A lot of these guys will want this Sunday work a little later on.

Sept. 11—Have you noticed that crew on the day shift of the shipping dock? Ralph Niblick must have given all of them a shot in the arm.

Sept. 12—Florence Hamilton shouldn't complain that she didn't make last month's issue, as anyone with half an eye can sure see Florence.

Sept. 13—Believe it or not they measured the Racking Room.

Sept. 14—Joe Terraci claims that he won't pay Uncle Sam so much this year. How many now, Joe?

Sept. 15—Is Charlie Richardson as serious as he lets on?

Sept. 16—Heard that Chet LaPierre was selling bird seed to Bill Rath and Tom Hedrick the other night.

Sept. 17—Accounting of picnic funds, and sure enough a profit.

Sept. 18—I thought Smitty would catch Charlie and Seth today.

Sept. 19—As soon as Joe Harringer gets his teeth pulled Phil is going to pay his board.

Sept. 20—Carl Theede still on the wagon.

Sept. 21—Why is Charlie Haney for the guy? Ask him how much taxes he pays.

Sept. 22—"Fleet Foot" Stanley should be almost sober by now. (Carpenters' conventions at Fort Wayne.)

Sept. 23—This is the last day off for a week.

### VACATION

Oct. 1—It sure is nice to get back to where you only work eight hours a day.

Oct. 2—That lucky Bruno up in South Dakota clubbing those defenseless pheasants.

Oct. 3—Nino and Aldo still run the routes as fast without Bruno. No more accordion bagging, Nino! Don't forget to buy a pair of bonds this month!!!

# DON'T SEND HARNESS BACK TO CONGRESS!

## His Vote Score, 3 Right, 46 Bad

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the factory owners around here who are paying so much cash for Republican victory—if all this should happen and Dewey should surprise the world by being a good President, then how could Forest Harness support him?

Dewey has denounced the Smith-Congnelly-Harness Law, which seeks to crucify organized labor. This bill should never have been passed, says Dewey. It should be repealed. Harness helped write the Smith-Congnelly-Harness anti-labor act. Harness campaigned for its passage. Harness is credited with fathoming that part of the act which makes it a criminal offense for a labor organization to contribute money to a political campaign fund.

At a recent speech on the subject of "Enemies and Friends of Labor," Harness omitted all references to the Smith-Congnelly-Harness law and contented himself with this pious froth:

"Just a word about the propagandists who want you to believe that anyone who mentions Communism in certain labor unions is labor's enemy. You wouldn't condemn a neighbor who points out a rotten apple in your bin, or who shows you where the rats are trying to burrow into your basement. In fact, you would thank him for his friendly interest. Just why, then, is a man unfriendly for exposing dangerous enemies burrowing their way into the house of labor?"

In other words, if some busybody runs around making public speeches in which he accuses his neighbor of having rotten apples and rats in his cellar—that is for the neighbor's own good, and the man should thank the busybody for his friendly interest. Benedict Arnold could have thought of that excuse for betraying America.

Harness must have been thinking of rotten apples and rats when he voted 46 times wrong on 49 bills and only three times right in the last six years in Congress—the six years of the most critical period in the history of the United States and the world.

### EVEN HAMILTON FISH VOTED RIGHT ON SEVEN OF THE BILLS TO HARNESS' THREE RIGHT VOTES.

The 49 bills, starting with the surrender of Guam in 1939 and terminating with the scuttling of the Kilgore-Murray-Truman bill for federal unemployment relief, are listed by the International Teamster as follows:

- 1—Improvement of Guam Naval base, 1939.
- 2—WPA relief bill, 1939.
- 3—Public works construction, 1939.
- 4—Repeal of arms embargo, 1939.
- 5—Revision of neutrality act, 1939.
- 6—More military airplanes, 1939.
- 7—Smith amendments to Wagner act, 1940.
- 8—Federal food stamp plan, 1940.
- 9—Military conscription act, 1940.
- 10—Funds for vocational training, 1940.
- 11—Smith anti-strike bill, 1941.
- 12—Extension of conscription act, 1941.
- 13—Lend-lease bill, 1941.
- 14—Modifying combat zones, 1941.
- 15—Seizing corporation property for defense, 1941.
- 16—To arm U.S. ships, 1941.
- 17—To cripple price control, 1942.
- 18—Extending Dies committee, 1942.
- 19—Public power development, 1942.
- 20—The Hobbs bill, 1943.
- 21—Smith-Congnelly bill, 1943.
- 22—Over-riding President's veto of Smith-Congnelly bill, 1943.
- 23—Increasing pay for federal employees, 1943.
- 24—Raising \$25,000 salary limit, 1943.
- 25—The Rumf tax plan, 1943.
- 26—To increase farm production, 1943.
- 27—Funds for rotating crops, 1943.

### ELECT THIS MAN



BENNETT H. ROCKEY

Here is the man, Bennett H. Rockey, to send to Congress from the Fifth District in place of Forest Harness. All friends of labor and the New Deal around Kokomo, Anderson, Frankfort, etc., should vote for Rockey.

### A. F. OF L. THINKS HARNESS STINKS

INDIANAPOLIS—Members of the American Federation of Labor in the Fifth Congressional District of Indiana were urged this week to examine the record of Congressman Forest A. Harness and vote him out of office in the November election because of his "highly unfavorable record to labor," in a letter from William Green, AFL president, to Carl Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

The letter points out that Harness has voted for 13 measures in Congress which labor has regarded as highly unfavorable, and that he voted for the notorious Connally-Smith bill and the motion to over-ride the President's veto of that bill.

A special meeting of the non-partisan committee of the Fifth Congressional District has been called for October 15, to be held at the Anderson Labor Temple at 1 p.m. Representatives of the State Federation of Labor will be on hand to go more into detail on President Green's letter.

- 28—Killing incentive payments to farmers, 1943.
- 29—Funds for crop insurance, 1943.
- 30—Rural electrification program, 1943.
- 31—Liquidating Home Owners Loan Corporation, 1943.
- 32—Funds for roll-back of prices, 1943.
- 33—Reducing funds for OPA enforcement, 1943.
- 34—Putting business in charge of OPA, 1943.
- 35—Abolishing Office of War Information, 1943.
- 36—Creating Smith anti-labor committee, 1943.
- 37—Continuing the Dies committee again, 1943.
- 38—Discharging men "exposed" by Dies committee, 1943.
- 39—Abolishing the poll tax, 1943.
- 40—Extending reciprocal trade agreements, 1943.
- 41—Prohibiting labor campaign contributions, 1943.
- 42—Fulbright resolution, 1943.
- 43—To strip power from OPA, 1943.
- 44—United Nations' relief, 1944.
- 45—Sustaining veto of anti-subsidy bill, 1944.
- 46—Tax bill to help the greedy, 1944.
- 47—Over-riding veto of greedy tax bill, 1944.
- 48—The soldier vote bill, 1944.
- 49—To kill soldier-vote bill without roll-call, 1944.

Harness' three right votes in six years were (1) In favor of an appropriation bill for Lend-Lease, although he had voted against the original Lend-Lease Act; (2) For Abolishing the Poll Tax, and (3) Fulbright Resolution, which was little more than a prayer for peace.

### IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

We are sorry to report the deaths of Sam Hicks and Gilbert Truax, who drove for Miller Transfer, and were killed in a motorcycle accident on State Road 17. Our sympathy goes out to both their families.

E. C. Pickett, of Kokomo, has taken over the work of delivering freight for the Pennsylvania Railroad and has signed a City Freight contract covering his men.

Most of the road work in this jurisdiction is completed and the contractors have moved out.

A closed-shop contract recently finished and approved by the WLB with the Victory Ordnance Plant at Mexico, Ind., covering the truck drivers, warehousemen and helpers, has been cleared up and the contract is now in force, with pay back to November 3, 1943.

We have had another meeting scheduled with the General Tire Co. in Wabash, covering the receiving and shipping end of it, and it looks as if we will have that contract finished within the next week or so and ready to be approved by the WLB.

Our City Freight contract is now before the hearing officer of the WLB who has made certain recommendations. We feel sure we will have something definite to report on that in the next two weeks.

The Simon Wholesale Grocery House contract has been finished and form 10's signed to go to the WLB for approval, with an agreement on contract and 10-cent increase per hour.

The Shell American contract, covering the men in the bulk plant in Kokomo, is before the WLB.

### BECK'S ROAD PLAN NOW IN CONGRESS

One of the most ambitious projects to combat postwar unemployment, a four billion dollar road construction program is being reportedly pushed toward adoption by Senate leaders.

This was advocated in Teamster Vice-President Dave Beck's "Blueprint for Tomorrow."

Reportedly one of the largest public works programs under consideration as part of the over-all reconversion machinery, its consummation would require the approval of state legislatures. State funds would be necessary in most instances to supplement proposed Federal expenditures totaling \$2,075,250,000.

Some 45 legislatures meet in January. Senate Majority Leader Barkley told sponsors he will join in an effort to obtain passage during the next fortnight of a bill authorizing the Federal contributions. They would be spread over three postwar years.

The major provision of the highway bill calls for a Federal contribution of \$650,000,000 annually for three postwar years, \$200,000,000 of which would go for urban highways, \$250,000,000 for the Federal aid highway system and \$200,000,000 for farm-to-market roads.

This money would be allotted on the basis of a Federal expenditure of 60 per cent and a state contribution of 40 per cent.

A table prepared by the Public Roads Administration shows that contributions would range from a \$51,885,000 annual allotment to New York State down to \$2,522,000 to Delaware.

If adopted and enacted the program would serve a three-fold purpose; provide jobs for unemployed, repair the nation's highways which have fallen into disrepair since the war's start, and build new roads which would open new communities not now served by rail or truck because of inadequate roads.

### LABOR'S FRIEND



OLIS G. JAMISON

### TOBIN WELCOMES CIO VOTES IN CAMPAIGN

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has done more for labor than all other Presidents combined.

"I have no quarrel with the CIO. In fact my relations with Philip Murray and other CIO leaders has been harmonious. I respect them as men and they respect me.

"In matters of concern to the welfare of labor as a whole—such as the re-election of Roosevelt—we see eye to eye.

"There will be no conflict between us in this campaign except to see whether the AFL or the CIO can roll up the biggest vote for Roosevelt.

"We must elect a friendly Congress with Roosevelt. An unfriendly Congress can over-ride his vetoes as they did in the case of the Smith-Congnelly bill and the tax bill to help the greedy at the expense of the needy.

"This means we must elect a Democratic Congress and Democratic state administrations wherever the Democratic candidate for governor is sympathetic to labor."

## Tobin Pledges Labor Support to FDR at Washington Banquet

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Destiny has educated and trained so that our country might have leadership of courage, experience and real statesmanship, and that under his guidance and direction the victories and the freedoms won by the shedding of the blood of the innumerable patriots who have gone before us might be preserved, protected, continued and improved.

Tonight on every battlefield of the world, on the seas and in the air, your sons and his sons are fighting and offering their lives to the end that civilization may continue to advance and the blessings that we enjoy will not be set back, and that we may bring to the suffering peoples of other countries that freedom and that liberty to which they are justly entitled and which we intend shall be theirs.

The awful picture of idleness, discouragement and stagnation confronting our nation in March, 1933, is sometimes forgotten by the millions of workers who today are enjoying, even in wartime, the best conditions and earnings ever enjoyed by the toilers at any time in the history of civilization, and in this respect our country leads all other countries. The membership of organized labor has risen in recent years from three million to over twelve million. Regardless of the statements made by the candidates of monopolies and labor haters, who have had very little experience, the millions of unorganized workers have also substantially improved and advanced, insofar as better hours and better wages are concerned. Let me remind you of the Minimum Wage and Hour Law, which brought to the toilers of the mills and factories, who had no protection or organization, shorter hours and better wages.

Lest we forget—do you men of labor remember the closing of the banks of the nation in March, 1933, when over 40 per cent of those financial institutions were on the verge of bankruptcy? Have you forgotten that today, due to the legislation enacted by this progressive leader of our nation, your savings are now protected and this legislation guarantees that you cannot be cheated and robbed by shady financiers who gambled with the few hard-earned dollars which you entrusted to them? Who, then, is it that ventures to say we must have a change in leadership in or-

der to protect the toilers of the nation? I'll tell you who they are. A band of avaricious manipulators of wealth who would endanger and sacrifice the very liberties that we are fighting for in order to satiate their thirst for power and greater wealth. Look over the aggregation that believes that, at this serious time, when we are driving our enemies to surrender and to suicide, who desire to displace the head of our government and substitute one who lacks almost all the qualities and training needed for important, serious world leadership. Every one of them has been opposed to the progress of the toilers. They are the same outfit that has opposed every step forward that we have endeavored to make in the years past to emancipate the workers.

Your safety and my safety and the safety and freedom of the country and the world are now in danger. We must not gamble with the liberties of the human family. Therefore, I impress upon you the greater need to beware of false prophets who come in the clothing of sheep but who in reality may prove to be dangerous experiments. Keep before your eyes from now until next November the 11 million men wearing the uniforms of our country, many of whom have been disfranchised by the opponents of our country's great leader. They are watching you and calmly awaiting your decision as to whether or not you will prove loyal to them.

They have been faithful and loyal to you on the battlefield. They are watching you as to whether or not you will support the man who is so gloriously leading them and you on to victory. You and I will have to answer to them and to future generations and prove to them that we are not guilty of the awful crime of ingratitude. I know that the men and women of labor, organized and unorganized, will not prove false to our fighting forces, living or dead. As you have done in the past, you will stand shoulder to shoulder and face to face supporting that leader of our nation who is daily tortured by wilful misrepresentation; that world leader who would gladly give all that he has, even his life, if called upon, so that other men might live in peace and freedom.

Gentlemen, I present to you the President of the United States.